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Organization for Economic Defense Intelligence Support

The Problem

To provide adequate organization in CIA to furnish intelligence support to agencies and interdepartmental committees having responsibility for the administration of economic defense measures (economic warfare).

Discussion

1. CIA is presently represented by OSR (O/E) on a number of interagency committees engaged in economic defense activities (Encl. I). In addition, intelligence support is required by various agencies and by interagency ad hoc groups working in this field.

2. The Administrator for the Mutual Defense Assistance Control Act has now proposed an Intelligence Working Group, composed of representatives of CIA, State, Defense, and Commerce. It is contemplated that this Committee will be in session almost daily and that it will review, develop, coordinate, and present intelligence in support of the economic defense activities of the Administrator for MDACA and other agencies.

3. CIA has been requested by the Administrator for MDACA to take an active part in this Group. The intelligence support required "cuts across the board," calling for contributions by various components of CIA. The request of the Administrator for MDACA emphasizes the necessity for the establishment in CIA of a staff unit concerned exclusively with intelligence support of economic defense activities. This unit should be at a level which will enable it to draw upon all components of CIA.

4. Attached as Enclosure II is a memorandum, dated 28 November 1950, on the subject of "Intelligence Requirements for Economic Warfare," which considers the problem of intelligence support of economic defense operations in the cold war.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that there be established in the Office of the D/I or the D/I an Economic Defense Intelligence Staff, which would be responsible for CIA intelligence support of economic defense activities of other agencies as required and would be authorized to draw upon all producing components of CIA as needed.

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2. It is further recommended that appropriate personnel of D/A presently engaged in economic defense intelligence support be transferred to the Economic Defense Intelligence Staff, and that A/I be discontinued.

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Encls. 2
1. List of Interagency Committees Engaged in Economic Defense Activities
2. "Intelligence Requirements for Economic Warfare"

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